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SECTION 1, 178 DECLARATION OF KENNETH W. STEARNS

- I, Kenneth W. Stearns, hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am the president of Stearns Technologics, Inc., the owner of the above-identified patent application.
- 2. The original patent application was assigned to NordicTrack, Inc. on or before June 12, 1995.
 - The original patent issued on March 19, 1996.
- 4. The original patent was subsequently assigned to Stearns Technologies, Inc. on or before November 2, 1997.
- 5. Neither I nor my company, Stearns Technologies, Inc., received the original patent from NordicTrack, Inc.
- 6. NordicTrack, Inc. filed a bankruptcy petition in late 1998, and has since been liquidated.
 - 7. The original patent is lost or inaccessible.
- 8. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true.

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9. All statements made herein are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under 18 U.S.C. 1001; and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application and/or any resulting patent.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NOT.

Kenneth W. Stearns

Date